

FAMILY HISTORY  
LARS SANDO (1822-1871)  
and  
GURI SANDO (1830-1917)

## INTRODUCTION

Dear Members of the Halvor Sando family tree and descendants of Grandmother and Grandfather, Lars and Guri Sando, natives of Hallingdal, Norway:

As the last survivor of the first marriage of Halvor Sando (and I am now 87 years old), I have been asked to give an introduction to the Sando History and our very brave ancestors.

Lars and Guri Sando, my grandparents, came from Hallingdal, Norway, in 1865 and settled with their six boys and two girls near Estherville, Iowa. Several of our relatives are buried there. My cousin, Carl Sando of Grand Forks, is married to the granddaughter of Gro Svendsen, whose letters of Pioneer Life in Iowa are carefully preserved in Norway and reprinted by the Norwegian-American Historical Association of Northfield, Minnesota. The grave of Gro Svendsen is there too. Times were often hard in those years. Swarms of locusts would destroy crops and the dreaded prairie fires would destroy buildings and livestock.

In 1871 Lars Sando died of tuberculosis, after only five years here, and Grandmother was left almost destitute with eight children. As the boys grew and were able to work, the family moved to Rothsay, Minn., and from there my father and Uncle Nels and Uncle Albert traveled by Great Northern train to the end of the line, which at that time was Grand Forks, North Dakota. They then walked to the St. Thomas area to file on homesteads. Eventually my father went farther north and west to take up homestead between Hensel and Cavalier. He went back to Minnesota to work and there married Louise Nyhus and had six children. It was a life of hardship and Mother died of tuberculosis in 1895.

It is fitting that we dedicate this family tree history to the memory of Grandma Guri Sando and her direct descendants who through trials and hardships made good homes in a new land.

Also, thanks to sister, Mrs. Helen Johnson, who started the work of assembling facts and figures and died before she could complete it. Much credit also goes to my sister, Mrs. Julia Vallon, who has put it all together with the kind help of our niece, Mrs. Lillian Imlach of Burbank, California.

With love to all,

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"Each one of us inevitable  
Each one of us limitless

Each one of us with his own right upon the earth,  
Each one of us allowed the eternal purports of the earth."  
Walt Whitman

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In the spring of 1865, in the Register of Records kept by the town of Aal in Hallingdal, Norway, is a Notice of Immigration of Lars Ericksen Sando, age 43, his wife, Guri Ingebrits Larrsen, age 34, and their children born in Norway as shown:

Eric Sando	2- 9-1855
Ingebrit Albert Sando	8-23-1856
Ole Larrsen Sando	2-23-1858
Halvor Larrsen Sando	1-18-1860
Nels Larrsen Sando	1-10-1862
Bergit Larrsendatter Sando	3-20-1864

This information was obtained by Halvor Sando's daughter, Helen S. Johnson, on one of her visits to Norway, and is a logical beginning for this Sando Family History for which she collected much material prior to her death in July, 1977. I, Julia, her sister, have undertaken to complete it for Christmas, 1979.

Another daughter was born to Lars and Guri Sando on 8-22-1866 in the United States. Her name was Julia Larrsendatter Sando.

From the very valuable book of Norwegian-American History, entitled "Frontier Mother," by Norwegian American Historical Society, Northfield, Minn., comes more factual information about those critical early days as homesteaders for Lars and Guri Sando, who settled near Estherville, Iowa. The writer of these letters, Gro Svendsen, has given priceless descriptions of those early days in the 1860's. I regret to say that the book is out of print. It is 153 pages and the original letters are carefully preserved in Norway and highly valued. It is Volume 5, and the letters were translated by Pauline Forseth and the late Theodore C. Blegen of the Historical Association in 1950. I go into detail because someone reading this may want to own the book "Frontier Mother - Letters of Gro Svendsen." It is precious and I would think some member of the Historical Society might be willing to loan or sell it.

I quote from one of the letters: "On the 9th of May, 1871, Lars Sando died. He had been very sick with consumption all winter. Guri is now left with 8 small children and with little or nothing to live on. People have helped them a great deal already and there will be no let-up now." Guri lived until 1917, when at age 87 she died following an accidental fall on cellar steps.

FROM LAKE AGASSIZ JOURNAL (Grafton News and Times)

SANDOS SETTLED AT ST. THOMAS IN '81  
ENTIRE COUNTRY BETWEEN GRAND FORKS AND GRAFTON A LAKE

Here is the gist of an interview with Nels Sando, a prominent St. Thomas pioneer farmer, who spent the last 12 years of his life in Grafton. He died October 23, 1947, eight months before his wife, Christine, died. Nels Sando stated that he and four brothers, Eric, Albert, Halvor and Olaf, along with his mother and the two girls, Betsey and Julia, drove with five teams of oxen that wet spring in 1881 from Fergus Falls to St. Thomas for the purpose of taking up land as squatters. This trip took three weeks. There were no roads north of Grand Forks and none much better in Minnesota.

Nels, always witty, said, "What we needed was a pilot. By the time we got to Paul Larsen's farm west of Grafton we had become competent fresh water sailors. The first night out of Grand Forks we camped in a foot of icy water. Nowhere as far as the eye could see was there a spot of dry land. We were dry and fairly comfortable in the wagons but our cattle and oxen had to lie down in the icy lake. We had 19 oxen and quite a herd of cows and calves with us."

Here let me interject my own pride and admiration for the widow, Guri Sando, my grandmother, who raised this hard working, adventurous and ambitious family from dire poverty when her husband, Lars, died only five years after leaving Norway, and grateful to neighbors for their very sustenance, their barn destroyed by rampaging prairie fires. From all this nothingness, by thrift and hard work, to reach practically a state of affluence by the time her children were grown. For such nobility I write this history for young cousins I'll never meet so that some of them will do great things with such a heritage behind them. "Herre, Velsigne dig, Bestemor!" (Heaven bless you, Grandmother!)

Nels Sando continued to relate finding quite a settlement at Park River. There was no bridge over Park River but, undaunted, the settlers had rolled logs together to build a make-shift bridge. "Our wagons were heavily loaded with stoves and other equipment. Once we had to unload and unhitch the wagons three times before we could cross coulees and rivers. From a settlement called Sweden we had fair going." They arrived at what became St. Thomas on June 7, 1881. Nels states, "Five of us older boys squatted on land. Olaf, being too young, Mother held on two quarter sections. Housing was our need and all around us was sod. Sod houses were warm in winter, cool in summer." Eric and Nels were the official sod-builders. The other boys went back to Minnesota to earn needed cash by working on the railroad grade. Five sod houses were built and two large sod stables. One stable was 34 x 45 feet. We bought basswood lumber from Ben Askelson, who had a sawmill near Grafton. This was used for inside ceilings, walls and floors. The buildings

were substantial and homelike. That summer a mower and a rake were obtained in trade for Nels' pony. By fall, 10 to 20 acres were broken on the Sando quarter sections. By this time surveyors had arrived and quarter sections became well marked.

The next year Eric Sando, the eldest, bought a McCormick binder. It was made almost entirely of wood and "we thought it was a wonderful contraption. It cost \$315." Crops were quite good and wheat went 35 bushels to the acre. In 1882, wheat brought 80 cents for a bushel. Now St. Thomas was growing rapidly. There were several fine stores, several saloons and four hotels, as well as other businesses. The social life was mostly community affairs and, for farmers, big country dances. These dances lasted all night when the busy season was over. Nels recalled not seeing a bed for four or five nights. He said, "I would get home in time for chores and then work all day. When night came we were off to another dance." On a serious note, he said that the first birth in or near St. Thomas was Louis, to Halvor Sando and his wife, Louise. That was April, 1882, and he was baptized in the Lutheran faith that fall by Rev. Flaten, at the first Norwegian Lutheran Service held in St. Thomas. This was in the uncompleted Holbrook store.

Nels Sando and family retired to live in Grafton a period of 12 years. He maintained a keen interest in farming and life in general. His wife, Christine, excelled at all kinds of handicraft and their homes were always a model of neatness and charm. Like many early pioneers, the Lutheran church meant much to them and they were steady supporters of it. In another part of this history the names of their children, with birth dates etc., are listed. Our heartfelt gratitude to Carl Sando of Grand Forks for supplying this fascinating story.

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Recently Carl Sando wrote: "We have been to the cemetery in Wallingford, Iowa, where Gro Svendsen is buried. In the same row of stones are several Sandos, relatives no doubt. Very nice Norwegian epitaphs on most of them. The Sandos and Svendsens were close neighbors at Estherville, Iowa for several years. And it was from there that Grandma Guri Sando and family left in 1880 - to go to Fergus Falls, Minnesota, for the winter. The next spring, 1881, they headed for St. Thomas.

"Gilbert's mother is buried at the St. Thomas Lutheran Cemetery, one mile west of the Nels Sando farm, the farm I own and where I was born. Also buried there is Uncle Eric's first wife, Grandmother Guri Sando, and Uncle Albert Sando."

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From 1871 to 1914 is a long time and Grandmother Guri Sando was now 83 years old and living in Grafton, North Dakota, with a grandson (son of Nels) and family, Laurence and Elida Sando. This is where I met her for the first time that I can recall. I, a daughter of Halvor Sando, age 14, had come from Cavalier, North Dakota, to board with Laurence and Elida and attend high school. This was because my father's farm was five miles from town and driving with horse and buggy every day for nine months was a problem. A daughter of Nels Sando, Clara, and just my age, was also there for the same reason. With cousin Laurence's two small children it was a lively and pleasant household. Grafton was a large, busy town and the schools seemed very good.

I wish my grandmother had enlightened me about the years between 1871 and 1911, or that my father had told us more details after we were old enough to understand. Even then the past seemed locked behind them. Perhaps their dawn-to-dark struggle to develop their farms left little time for introspection. Perhaps in the selfish way of youth, our own lives seemed of the greater importance. Now, many years later, as I am age 77, the brief time I knew Grandmother - "Bestemor" we called her - is a vivid memory. I think she enjoyed our youth and high spirits. She liked a corner chair in the kitchen, during the day, where there was usually much activity inasmuch as convenience foods were not known and there were meals to prepare for seven. She would do little things like shelling peas, often humming little songs. She was never wordy, nor did she miss much of what went on. She liked best her little room at the top of the stairs. Here she would sit in her old rocking chair and read her bible, or sing an old Norwegian hymn. I and my young cousin, Clara, would pass her room as we dashed up and down for the many reasons only young people know. Too seldom we stopped to chat. One such time comes to mind. I sat near her as she sang "Den store, hvite flak, jeg ser" - "Behold, they stand in robes of white who out of tribulation came, with songs of joy upon their heads they praise His holy name" - a song so true for all the immigrants who came to America and knew every kind of tribulation, not for themselves, but so their children and descendants ever after could have a better life.

On this particular evening I asked her to tell me about the early days. She told about the arrival with others to Iowa. The land was good. The price to the homesteaders was \$1.60 per acre. With new settlers helping each other, and older settlers lending tools and livestock, log cabins were built, oxen were used for pulling plows, land was planted to grain and vegetables. It was bare survival and Lars, already 43, although sickened with tuberculosis, still struggled with back-breaking work. In this difficult first year, their last child, Julia, was born. She later became Mrs. Gilbert Paulsen and lived at White Rock, South Dakota. Those first years a prairie fire, much dreaded by settlers, destroyed their barn and caused panic and fear. Lars continued to sicken and died May 9, 1871 - truly a hard time. The boys were growing up fast. Eric, the oldest, was 16, followed by Albert, Ole, then Halvor

and Nels. Julia, the only one born in the United States, was nearly five.

All learned to be helpful. All learned hard labor in order to survive. Work was freely exchanged among the numerous settlers. The young boys often "hired out" to neighbors when they could be spared. The value of the land increased and there was talk of cheaper land to be had in Minnesota and what was then Dakota Territory. With no hint of self-pity in her voice, Grandmother told of selling her small farm and traveling to Minnesota by covered wagon pulled by oxen.

Of the intervening years I know little. They must have prospered because when next my father told me of times past, it was 1881. News came of fine fertile land in the Red River Valley of North Dakota available for homesteads. Grandmother and her family were now living near Rothsay, Minnesota. My father was chosen to scout ahead and file claim before the good land was all taken. A neighbor was going with horses and wagons and agreed to take him along. This was the spring of 1881 and Halvor was just 21. He relates that all went well as far as Grand Forks. There they heard tales of floods and high water, and the neighbor then and there declared his intention to go back to Minnesota.

So Halvor went on alone. He relates, "I had to start out on foot. I was to file for my mother and myself and three of my brothers. They were starting for Grand Forks by covered wagon with all their possessions, and I was to meet them with the papers to our homesteads. I was not about to turn back." "Yes," he said, "there were hardships. Mosquitoes, bigger than any you've seen, swarmed about me in clouds. Tall prairie grass, sharp and strong, came up to my neck. I encountered swampy land (sloughs), so I had to wade through water and mud. My shoes became thin and broken and the sharp grass cut my feet. There were no roads whatever--trails of a sort. I crossed Park River, went to where Grafton now stands, at a place then called Sweden, and from there I went northeast to the present site of St. Thomas. I began picking out land for three of my brothers, my mother and myself - 160 acres for each. Surveying around St. Thomas took place that fall and we were in and near Section 3, Township 159."

My father continued his story, which to this day seems to me one of remarkable courage and adventure. "I walked back to Grand Forks every foot of the way. I hoped in vain for another lone traveler. I thought of my mother and brothers coming from Rothsay, with oxen. Perhaps they had tired of waiting for me, or worse still, turned back. So my joy was great when I saw my folks with three yokes of oxen and two covered wagons just coming in to Grand Forks from the long journey from Rothsay, Minnesota. The very next day we set out again and reached the location of the selected claims, June 8, 1881. A cabin soon built with native timber from Grafton, and that year 30 acres of land were cleared."

In early autumn Halvor Sando, age 21, set out again for Grand Forks on foot and there he boarded a train for Minnesota to work in the harvest fields. He remained until December and married Louise Nyhus,

a Fergus Falls girl. He planned to bring his bride to his claim in the spring but he received word that someone had jumped his claim and might settle on it. He returned at once and "persuaded" the claim-jumper that his claim could not be contested. My father said, "Three weeks later my wife joined me in the log cabin. The railroad had been extended rapidly and there was now train service to Grafton twice weekly. This was in January, 1882."

Halvor made a number of moves as opportunities came. He sold his homestead near St. Thomas and went farther north to Lodema Township, Section 4, a few miles from Cavalier, in Pembina County. Then followed a return to Minnesota, as he had acquired some land there in a trade, and he remained there as a farmer for five years, and then came back to Lodema Township. Hensel was a small town at that time, a few miles to the east.

In 1895 the young wife died some months following child birth, leaving five children, four boys and a girl: Louis, Olaf, John, Gilbert and Betsey. The girl child, Lena Mathilde, born December 20, 1894 and baptized March 16, 1895, died August 25, 1895 - age 8 months. Louise Nyhus Sando (at age 34), wife of Halvor L. Sando, died two months later, October 12, 1895. The facts in this paragraph, were supplied by Rev. J. T. Langemo of Edinburg, North Dakota, from his records. He was pastor of several Lutheran congregations in the very early days and I clearly remember my parents driving 15 miles and more on one Sunday a month to hear him conduct a Lutheran service in the Norwegian language.

I wish to say that Halvor Sando married again in 1897, to Secelia Amdalsrud of Sauda, Norway (my mother). She was ten years younger than my father and at age 27 she was stepmother to five motherless children. To Halvor and Secelia were born nine children and they will be listed on following pages. I will state here that my mother and father died within six months of each other. He died in St. Luke's Hospital, Bellingham, Washington, February 22, 1942, at age 82. I was able to go and see him in his last illness. I was living in Eugene, Oregon, and a good neighbor looked after my three young children. Dad sent his blessings to everyone and said no reward could repay me for coming to see him. My brother, Gordon, up for induction in the army, World War II, arrived too late, but remained and arranged for the funeral service. Cause of death was bladder inflammation and complications. He is buried in Bayview Cemetery, Bellingham, Washington.

My mother, who since 1928 lived in Los Angeles, died September 4, 1942, at age 72, from cancer of a bowel, declared inoperable when discovered. I came from Eugene, Oregon, to Los Angeles, to take care of her at her request in early August, 1942, with my three children, a dog and a cat. Doctors and nurses visited her daily. She died suddenly the afternoon of September 4. How thankful we were that it was a steady weakening, rather than the ravaging pain so common to cancer. Only my youngest brother, Lloyd, lived at home. Helen, Gordon, Laurence and Alma, all lived in and about Los Angeles and

visited daily. Obert was in New York and because of the war could not get transportation but arrived for the funeral. Mother was buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery on September 8, 1942. She and my father had farmed for 25 years near Cavalier, North Dakota, but late in life they divorced and went separate ways. She and nine brothers and sisters in all immigrated here from Norway and the story of the Amdalsruds is another whole story and must be written separately.

#### THE FAMILY OF LARS AND GURI SANDO

Lars Ericksen Sando and his wife, Guri Ingebritsdatter, came to Iowa from Aal in Hellingdal, Norway, in 1865 at ages 43 and 34 respectively. They were my paternal grandparents. Their children are listed below, with some information gleaned about each.

ERIC (b. 2-9-1855; d. 8-17-1944) had one daughter, Gena Quam, by his first wife. Both of whom passed away; and he later married Julia Olson (b. 1-5-1869; d. 2-17-1955) and they traveled in a covered wagon from Rosholt, South Dakota, in October 1902, to the Ross community in Minnesota, later moving to the farm in Badger, Minn. Their children were:

Inga Sando (b. 7-25-1891; d. 12-16-1961)/ Jake Lunde  
Iva Lunde/Sundeen  
Emma Sando (b. 3-12-1893; d. 3-6-1979)/ Gundar Erickson deceased.  
Warren Erickson - lives in Fargo, North Dakota  
Everett Erickson - deceased.  
Annie Sando (b. 1895; d. 1918)/ Baldwin  
LeRoy Baldwin / Ruth  
5 sons  
Alvin Sando (b. 8-17-1896; d. 2-12-1979)/ Elsie Rice  
Stepdaughter Joyce  
Ella Sando (b. 5-22-1898; lives in Roseau, Minn. / Rugland  
Steve Rugland  
Robert Rugland  
Alder Sando (b. 12-12-1901; lives in Badger, Minn. / Clara  
O'Larry Patrick Sando (died at age 6)  
Norma Sando / Lloyd Frosader  
Nancy Frosader, age 25, teacher  
Mike Frosader, age 23, manager of K Mart  
Mark Frosader, age 15, freshman in high school  
Ida Sando (b. 12-5-1903; d. 5-26-1976)/ Oscar Dahl  
Glen Dahl /  
Vance Dahl

Inga lived in Baxton, North Dakota. She and her husband are buried in Grafton. Emma lived in Grafton; when husband died she went to live with son, Warren, in Fargo. Alvin was in U.S. Army in World War I; later he worked as a cook on the Alcan Highway and farmed in Roseau. He died following surgery. Alder is now retired from farming and lives in Badger; his wife, Clara, has been ill for seven years and is in a nursing home. Daughter, Norma, and husband, Lloyd Frosader, live on the old home place and farm 1000 acres. They are active in 4H, church and community work. I am grateful to Norma for furnishing this information to me.

INGEBRIT (became Albert as names were often changed to make them easier to pronounce. b. 8-23-1856; d. about 1920. Uncle Albert remained a bachelor and farmed in Canada, near Delisle, Saskatchewan. I do not recall ever seeing him. He suffered a stroke one summer day and walked alone from his farm to the adjoining farm of Alfred and Betsey Kopperud (his niece) one-quarter of a mile, for help. Betsey and her cousin, Elma Anderson Beach, a registered nurse who lived at Elrose, Sask., gave him round-the-clock care as he was terribly ill. His brother, Nels, and nephew Lawrence, came in the fall to take him back to North Dakota with them. He died a short time later in a Grafton hospital.

OLE (b. 2-23-1858; d. 6-18-1941). He was another uncle I never saw or heard anything about. He settled in Rasholt, South Dakota; married Christine Nyhus in 1883 and raised a family. She died in 1948. I saw pictures of his family at my cousin Alma Paulsen's home in Portland, Oregon. They were nice looking people. Travel in those days was seldom and difficult. Ole and Christine Sando's children were as follows:

Gena S. (Berg) (b. 8-27-1883; d. 9-28-1951)  
Ludvig (b. date unknown; d. 1955)  
Oliver (b. 11-26-1889; d. 5-12-1969)  
Ed (b. 12-7-1895; d. 11-21-1963)  
Melvin (b. 11-7-1898; 1-21-1957)  
Alfred (b. 7-13-1902; d. 9-13-1963)  
~~Mabel~~ (b. 4-6-1907;

HALVOR (b. 1-18-1860; d. 2-22-1942), my father. He had a total of 15 children from two marriages, all of whom are listed below. He was living in Bellingham, Washington, in his later years and at his death. His body is buried in Bayview Cemetery, and that of his son, Olaf, beside him, in Bellingham.

Halvor's children by his first marriage:

Louis (b. 1882 ; d. 3-22-1913)  
Olaf Edward (b. 4-15-1883; d. 9-22-1944)  
Betsey (Kopperud) (b. 3-26-1886; d. 1-22-1969)  
John (b. 7-26-1888; d. 11-10-1966)  
Gilbert (b. 4-23-1892; lives in Eugene, Oregon)  
Lena (b. 12-20-1894; d. 8-26-1895)

Halvor married Secelia Amdalsrud in 1897. All of their children were born in Pembina County, North Dakota:

Helen Sophie (Johnson) (b. 3-19-1898; d. 7-22-1977)  
Hulda Louise (b. 11-16-1899; d. 10-18-1925)  
Olga Julia (George, Vallon) (b. 1-14-1902; lives Banning, Calif)  
Emma Bertine (b. 9-30-1903; d. 12-25-1927)  
Gordon Theodore (b. 6-11-1905; lives Los Angeles, California.  
Obert (b. 10-16-1907; d. 4-25-1974)  
Laurence (b. 10-30-1909; lives Burbank, California.  
Alma Grace (Kinnison) (b. 10-20-1911; d. 9-25-1976)  
Harold Lloyd (b. 11-5-1914; d. 4-16-1979)

NELS (b. 1-10-1862; d. 10-23-1947), married Christine Jensen (b. 3-6-1873; d. 6-2-1948) and had 11 children, who are named below. They farmed many years near St. Thomas, North Dakota. They later retired and passed away in Grafton, North Dakota.

Lawrence N. (b. 8-7-1890; d. 1-15-1971)  
Martin C. (b. 9-9-1891; d. 11-6-1975)  
Geoline (Meberg) (b. 6-8-1894; d. 2-2-1977)  
Carl (b. 4-28-1896; lives in Grand Forks, North Dakota)  
Adolph (b. 1-19-1898; d. 11-10-1970)  
Esther (Ottum) (b. 12-25-1899; lives in Grand Forks)  
Clara (Meberg) (b. 12-26-1901; lives in Grand Forks)  
Myrtle (Severin) (was born. 3-23-1905; lives in San Diego)  
Nettie (Hanson) (b. 8-1-1907; lives in Grafton)  
Gladys (Holt) (b. 8-13-1909; lives in St. Thomas on old Sando farm)  
Norris (b. 10-20-1911; lives in Grafton)

BERGIT (Dalby) (name changed to Betsey for easier pronunciation) (b. 3-20-1864; d. 2-5-1948). Aunt Betsey I also saw but once at Grandmother's funeral. She married Ole Dalby and lived mainly in Roseau, Minnesota. The names of her children, as I recall, were:

Gena (b. 8-8-1884; d. 1977 after a stroke)  
Bernard (Ben) (b. 10-31-1886; lives at age 93 in rest home)  
Clara (b. 9-16-1888; lives in Canada at age 90)  
Oliver (b. 10-25-1890; d. 3-12-1958)  
Bert (b. 3-7-1893;  
Alfred (b. 4-25-1894; d. 9-5-1958)  
Mabel (b. 5-31-1899; d. 3-27-1949)  
Violet (Brewer) (b. 1-18-1904; d. of cancer 9-7-79, Minn.)  
Dorothy (Pullin) (b. 6-26-1908; lives at St. Paul, Minn.)

JULIA (b. 8-22-1866 in Estherville, Iowa; d. approx. 1956) married Gilbert Paulsen in November, 1891, in Hankinson, North Dakota. She lived much of the time at White Rock, South Dakota, and died at about age 90 in Portland, Oregon, where daughter Alma and son Walter still live. I met Aunt Julia at Orafin, Idaho, when my husband's work took us to Clarkson, Washington. Her husband and family had timberland there. Aunt Julia visited us at Clarkson and we found her witty and intelligent, and very kind. Her daughter, Alma, was also most enjoyable and I visited her once again in Portland. All of the children are listed below:

Lily Josephine (b. 9-30-1893; d. 1974)  
Alma Gurina (Comegys) (b. 1-28-1896; d. Aug. 1979 in Portland)  
Pauline (Anderson) (b. 11-9-1899; d. 2-28-1932)  
Emma (b. 4-30-1903; d. 10-16-1938)  
John Laurence (b. 7-5-1904;  
Gilly (b. 1-10-1906; d. 12-20-1917)  
Walter Julian (b. 4-18-1909; d. 1979 in Portland)  
Clarice (Button) (b. 1-17-1913; lives in Portland, Oregon)

Additional information on the above families will be furnished later in this history.

FAMILY OF HALVOR SANDO / LOUISE NYHUS

LOUIS (no birth date of record 1882); d. 3-22-1913)

OLAF (b. 4-15-1883; d. 9-22-1944), never married. He went early to homestead in Delisle, Saskatchewan, Canada, and lived with his sister, Betsey, and her husband, Alfred Kopperud on their farm. Olaf enlisted in 1917 with the Princess Pat Regiment in Canada in World War I, and saw fighting at Ypres and other critical spots. He was shell-shocked and eventually retired to Bellingham, Washington, where he spent his last years with his father. My husband and I visited them there. Olaf was glad to have this brief acquaintance with my family and was kind and gentle, a man who asked nothing in this life for himself. He was hospitalized in Bellingham at the same time as his father. This was in the County Hospital. I had my father moved to St. Luke's Hospital for better care and I know Olaf was sad to come to his side via wheelchair and bid him a final "Good bye." Two years after my father died in 1942 Olaf also died and a stone with the name "Sando" marks their graves in Bayview Cemetery, Bellingham, Washington.

BETSEY (b. 3-26-1886; d. 1-22-1969) was born in North Dakota and was married to Alfred Anderson Kopperud, also from North Dakota (b. 9-30-1882; d. 9-12-1975). Pictures show Betsey as a pretty, blue-eyed brunette. I regret not getting to know her well. I spent one summer at our Pastor Langemo's home studying for confirmation; after that two years in Grafton at High School, and in 1919 began teaching country schools in North Dakota. In 1925 I joined my mother and family in Minneapolis. So I was not home much after age 14. My sister, Helen, was present at Betsey and Alfred's home in Grafton when each of their three children was born, and was always very fond of the Kopperud family:

Alvin Hanley (b. 1-26-1909; lives in Murray, Kentucky)  
John Clarence (b. 11-3-10; lives in Hayward, California)  
Lillian Clara (Imlach) (b. 7-13-1912; lives in Burbank)

At this time all are living in the United States, although they moved to Saskatchewan, Canada, with their parents in 1916 and lived there for several years, in Delisle and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

A copy of a press clipping from the Sun-Democrat in Paducah, Kentucky, dated October 17, 1976, gives a good resume of Alvin's career as a dentist, lawyer, business executive and churchman - it is attached.\* He married a Southern girl, Hallie Rudolph (b. 11-12-1910) on June 13, 1935, and have made Murray, Kentucky, their home. Their son, William Rudolph, was born on October 5, 1941, and he was married on June 30, 1979, to Kathy Rayburn, a teacher. They also reside in Murray, where Bill runs a large realty office.

John moved from Saskatoon to Vancouver, B. C. in the mid-30's and married Ivy Haffenden, who later died of cancer. He was employed with Viking Automatic Sprinkler Co. (fire prevention) in Vancouver and in 1942 moved to Seattle with Grinnell & Co. He was

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# Murray man works to justify his existence

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A. H. Kopperud of Murray — dentist, lawyer, business executive and churchman, lives by a simple philosophy:

"I feel that unless we can leave this world a little better place than when we came, through our influence on our fellow man or on our environment, or both, we can't justify taking up space on this planet."

In a recent interview, Kopperud said that his love of the land was the basis of his enjoyment of life in the last 15 years in Western Kentucky where he chose to make his permanent home in 1947. It was his third return to this area which he prefers above all others because of its geographical location and its natural advantages of rivers, lakes, climate, scenery and transportation. He selected Murray as

his address because he likes a university town.

Kopperud has seen a lot of the North American continent. The grandson of Norwegian immigrants, he was born in Grafton, N. D., and moved to Saskatchewan, Canada, at the age of six. He won the Canadian Governor General's medals for the highest grades on standardized examinations for entrance and again on graduation from high school.

He graduated from Northwestern University Dental School as president of his class. He went on to Labrador to serve with the Grenfell Foundation ministering to the dental needs of people in that area.

Kopperud's next stop was Paducah where he practiced dentistry in 1931-1934. He took the state board in Virginia and entered part-time dental practice to support his law studies at the University of Virginia Law

hool, driving 60 miles each day to school. True to form, he graduated on the dean's list.



**A. H. KOPPERUD**

After passing the Kentucky State Bar Examination, Kopperud returned to Murray to practice law. He was employed by the legal division of TVA in land acquisition. After 18 months, he resigned and entered the race for Calloway County Attorney. He was elected, but served less than half the four-year term when he entered military service in World War II in the Judge Advocate General's department. He became Post Judge Advocate and later Judge Advocate of Ft. Richardson at Anchorage, Alaska. He was discharged with the Army Commendation Medal in 1947.

Before his discharge, he organized Alaska Dairy Products Corp. and introduced reconstituted milk to what would be the 49th state.

Back in Murray after 1947, he was faced with the necessity of supporting his wife, the former Hallie Rudolph of New Hope, and a small son. He opted for the practice of dentistry which he conducted in Murray until 1964. At that time, he elected to retire from his profession and to devote his time to the management of his real estate investments and developments in

which he had become extensively involved.

One of Kopperud's most cherished affiliations is his membership in the First Presbyterian Church where he has served as clerk of the Session for 14 years. He served as commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., for a year.

He said he had enjoyed the past years when his time has been his own. He and his wife have traveled extensively to Europe and the Orient, as well as the United States and Canada. Now he is working on coal interests in Virginia and West Virginia and also is involved with a company engaged in foreign trade.

Musing over his wide-ranging interests, Kopperud said he felt that the expansion of the company would probably be based on coal. He thought coal gasification would take a long time however. "There is no short-term solution to the energy problem," he said, noting that there was some potential in solar energy. "I personally believe the nuclear energy is safe enough," he said, "but I hasten to add I'm no authority."

Steam coal will come from the western states, when they get the environmental agencies satisfied, he speculated, pointing out that the coal seams in the West are thicker and can be mined more cheaply.

Kopperud commented that he thought environmentalists were being pretty tough on producers of electric power who are spending millions of dollars to try to come into compliance with the rules, only what they accomplish turns out to be out-of-date, he said. "There are too many agencies involved in environmental matters," he said.

Along with his other activities, Kopperud has served two three-year terms on the board of Directors of the Murray Chamber of Commerce; several years on the board of the Clarks River Watershed District; a number of years on the board and as treasurer of the Calloway County Public Library, and two terms as president of the Kentucky Association of Library trustees. He has twice been commissioned a Kentucky Colonel and has served as president of the Murray Lions Club. In 1970, he was voted Man of the Year by the Murray chamber.

The Kopperuds have one son, William R. Kopperud, who worked as an industrial analyst for the Ford Motor Co. in Detroit before he, too, came back to the "good life" of Western Kentucky.

Returning to his first theme, Kopperud said he thought young people should not consider the older generation as "square." "Older people know the importance of good morals, character and integrity. These are the important values of life," he said.

The Kopperud family lives in a turn-of-the-century house which once was the home of an earlier Murray physician. Kopperud also occupies the doctor's old offices. He enjoys this as "a sense of continuity and the preservation of what is good and important in life."

active in World War II, a Sergeant with an army tank corps at Omaha Beach, Battle of the Bulge and Hurtgen Forest, to name just a few of the engagements. He was fortunate to emerge unscathed except for impaired hearing. His sister, Lillian, still has the letters he wrote during that time from Belgium, France and Germany. On November 12, 1948 he married Bernice Bissell in Seattle and in 1956 they moved to northern California. They now are retired in Hayward, and have enjoyed several trips to Europe, visiting last in 1978. John has no children.

Lillian married Harry Fergus Imlach (b. 10-05-08) on August 28, 1933. They moved to Vancouver, B.C. in the fall of 1938 and in 1941 to Seattle, where Harry enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving for three years at Camp Callan, near San Diego. He later studied and received his Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Los Angeles College of Chiropractic. Lillian first worked as secretary at Bedford Road Collegiate in Saskatoon, then as a legal secretary in law offices in California, and later became supervisor of office services at the Los Angeles Superior Court, from which she retired after 19 years' service in 1976. She was active in National Association of Legal Secretaries and held offices at the local, state and national levels. Harry and Lillian are active members of the United Community Church in Glendale. They have no children; they are both retired and enjoying their own attractive cottage in Burbank, California, which shows evidence of Harry's handiwork in between several visits to the hospital in recent years.

My sister, Helen, and her husband visited the Kopperuds in Canada and at that time my father was living with them on their farm, and sister Emma also was visiting. They all had a most enjoyable time at Lake Manitou, a salt water lake near Watrous. Alfred became a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, attending McKillips Veterinary College in Chicago during winter months until he received his degree and combined this profession with his farming. The depression and bad crops proved disastrous to farmers at that time and he was forced to leave farming for a time but continued with veterinary work in Viscount and Saskatoon, and in later years was very successful in real estate ventures. Betsey was ill for several years before she passed away. Alfred has 3 children by a second marriage.

JOHN (b. 7-26-1888; d. 11-10-1966). Of my brother, John, I recall always a quiet, well-mannered young man, very interested in farming and mechanics. He attended agricultural college at Fargo, and later an automotive school in Kansas City, and introduced modern machinery on our farm. A traveling evangelist caught his interest and he helped organize a non-denominational Sunday School, which was much appreciated and well attended. We had no Lutheran church near us and as there were many nationalities, e.g., German, Scandinavian, French, Scotch, English and others, the Sunday school was open to all and brought neighbors closer together. Later, my father wished John to manage the farm as he was getting old. This possibly offended my mother who had literally "slaved" for 25 years, and hard feelings had much to do with their divorce which came about in 1924. John went to Grand Forks and got a job with Great Northern

Railway, which he held until his retirement. He and his wife, Elma, with Elma's little daughter, Donna Mae, aged 5 years, had a happy home life in Grand Forks. They later came to California to find an easier climate and settled in Escondido. However, they found the summers too hot and decided to move to San Luis Obispo and had a nice home there. They were happy to have us visit. Never in all my life have I felt that my half-brothers were less than close. Never have I heard my mother speak of them other than with kindness. John and Elma left San Luis Obispo for Corvallis, Oregon hoping to find the perfect retirement home. Brother Gilbert was in Eugene, Oregon, and would have liked John to settle there but John thought the traffic was too heavy. They were happy in Corvallis but, sadly, a tragic accident befell John. He was walking a block or two from his home when a young teenaged driver whipped around around the corner and struck him after he had begun to cross the street at the intersection. He was hospitalized briefly and died November 10, 1966. He requested a simple funeral and burial at Corvallis and it became Gilbert's sad duty to help with the arrangements. Now, several years later, his widow lives near Salem, Oregon. Her daughter, Donna Mae, lives nearby. She is married to an airforce officer (retired). They are very good to Elma. Also, Elma and John were foster parents of two girls who are now married and have children, so Elma is not likely to be alone or in need.

GILBERT (b. 4-23-1892; he lives in Eugene, Oregon). He married Elsie Gunill Lindblad April 19, 1917 (b. 12-9-1895; d. 12-21-1957). Their children are listed below:

John Howard (b. 1-16-1918; lives in Coon Lake, Minnesota)  
Eunice May (b. 10-4-1919; died in infancy)  
Gilbert Donald (b. 10-4-1920; lives in Seattle, Washington)  
Raymond Willis (b. 2-23-1922; lives in Florida)  
Wesley LaVerne (b. 10-8-1924; lives in Fair Play, Colorado)  
Frederick Dean (b. 11-7-1931; lives in Fort Worth, Texas)  
Alea G.(Norman)(b. 10-6-34; lives in Fargo, North Dakota)

Gilbert has had a long, eventful life. At this writing he is approaching his 87th birthday and I could not begin to give a complete history. He became a railway mail clerk with headquarters in Grand Forks. He married Elsie Lindblad in April, 1917; always considerate he brought his bride home to meet my parents and all his half-brothers and sisters. I being about 13, hid in a bedroom for a while, so the bride would not see how big my feet were. Gilbert and Elsie lived in Grand Forks for many years. At some time he transferred to the postoffice as mail carrier and this job he held until his retirement. By 1924 I had moved to Minneapolis, where my mother and my brothers were established, so my mother and all the family could easier find work. In 1927 I went to California so I regret to say I did not get to know all my little nephews and finally my niece. Also, I did not get to visit Gilbert and Elsie through all those years. But I recall he was a member of the local school board for 9 years, also a member of the Norwegian Men's Chorus, all of which he thoroughly enjoyed. He has been active in the Masonic Lodge and is a 32nd Degree Mason, also in church and civic affairs.

As retirement years came along, Gilbert and Elsie moved to Florida. Here Elsie suffered a heart attack and passed away after 42 years of happy marriage. Burial was in Grand Forks where they lived so many years. Their children are listed below, with their families.

Gilbert began to pass time, visiting his scattered children. We felt it was a lonely life for him and were glad when he met a compatible widow, Maude Everett, who was visiting her son in Seattle, next door to Gilbert's son Donald. Mutual problems brought them together in a companionable marriage and they settled in Eugene, Oregon, where they bought a little bungalow and made an attractive home. They belong to Sons of Norway, and are members of a Presbyterian church. Both are sociable and have many loyal friends. Maude has four grown children: 2 married daughters in New York, and Florida; 2 sons, one retired in Canada, and one educated to be a lawyer, has for many years worked for Federal Health Department and lives in Sacramento. Maudie has been having considerable back problems and has difficulty moving around, but her spirits are good and Gilbert helps every way he can and, as she says, "is perking right along." Up until this past year they have been able to take trips to visit members of the family, and they see Don and Hazel quite often as they live in Seattle and visit regularly.

#### FAMILY OF GILBERT SANDO / ELSIE LINDBLAD

JOHN HOWARD (b. 1-16-1918) / Louise Kuntz (b. 3-25-1921)  
Georgia Ann Sando (b. 1-12-1941) / Donald Coma (b. 3-10-30)  
Bradley Coma (b. 1-4-1960) / Cindy  
Molly Ann Coma  
Julie Coma (b. 12-22-1960)  
Shaylyn Coma (b. 12-23-1961)  
Lisa Coma (b. 8-23-1962)  
Jon Howard Sando (b. 8-2-1946) / Barbara Johnson (b. 3-2-46)  
Kristi Lynn Sando (b. 9-16-1966)  
Melissa Sando (b. 6-4-1971)  
Gordon Harold Sando (b. 11-2-1948) / Nancy  
Mary Sando  
Joey Ray Sando (b. 5-20-1954) Julie  
Randy Dean Sando (b. 3-14-1957)  
Robert Wayne Sando (b. 4-18-1960) / Jackie

John Howard served with the Army Air Force during World War II from 1943-46, then in the Reserve Forces (Air Force and Army) from 1946 until he retired from the military in Jan. 1978. Presently he is Civilian Technician for the U.S. Army Reserve. He and Louise have 6 children, 7 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild. Their home is in Coon Rapids, Minnesota.

Family of Gilbert Sando / Elsie Lindblad - continued

GILBERT DONALD (b. 10-4-1920) / Hazel Jean Nesland (b. 3-30-21)  
They have no children. Donald went down to enlist in the U. S. Navy December 8, 1941 and was accepted December 26. He served four years in both Atlantic and Pacific Theaters and attained the rank of First Class Petty Officer (SK1/C). He and Hazel were married in Grand Forks and have lived in Seattle, Washington for the past several years. Don enjoys his position of Investigator for the Washington State Department of Licensing (formerly the Department of Motor Vehicles), a good game of golf in free time, and has an avid interest in sports. Hazel has had a working career and keeps very busy. They are delightful hosts. Hazel's mother is 84 and enjoys a good life in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

RAYMOND WILLIS (b. 2-23-1922) / Mary Jo Snyder (b. 11-22-22)  
Raymond Joseph Sando (b. 1-18-1955)  
Mary Alea Sando (b. 3-23-1956)  
Jean Marie Sando (b. 10-6-1957)  
Ann Michele Sando (b. 9-26-1959)

They live in Orlando, Florida with their four children, all of whom are single at this writing. Mary Jo, a native of Columbus, served in the army during World War II and Korea as a First Lieutenant, R. N. She also saw service in India, Austria and Italy, and is still an active Registered Nurse. Their son, Raymond Joseph, is an architect, an honor graduate of the University of Florida. Mary Alea is also an honor graduate of the same university. Jean Marie upon her graduation from the University of Florida joined the Navy June, 1979, as an Ensign, and is presently stationed at Pearl Harbour, Hawaii. Ann Michele, their youngest, presently is a student at the University of Central Florida.

Raymond distinguished himself in a military career and is now retired with the rank of Colonel. His army career covered 26 years. He entered the army as a private in the Infantry July 1942 and retired as Colonel August 1968. He qualified as a Senior Parachutist and Gliderist and saw active combat in World War II and Korea, also served in France, Germany, Italy, Okinawa, Japan and Alaska. Assignments included all staff and command from squad leader through Battalion and Brigade Commandos. There followed two tours of duty with the Army General Staff and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Awards included the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Bronze Star, Joint Staff Commendation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Korean Distinguished Citation, Army General Staff Device, Joint Staff Device and, let us not forget, the Purple Heart. Raymond says: "While I am proud of my army service, I am more proud of my wonderful wife and our four fine children!"

Family of Gilbert Sando / Elsie Lindblad - continued

WESLEY LaVERNE (b. 10-8-1924) / Marilyn Marcy  
Susan Rae Sando (b/ 12-7-47) / Frank Patrick Jones  
Brian Kenneth Jones (b. June 1968)  
Deidre Christine Jones (b. March 1970)  
Todd Wesley Jones (b. July 1971)  
Joan Marie Sando (b. 6-28-1950)  
Thomas Wesley Sando (b. 12-1-1953)

Wesley and Marilyn live in Fair Play, Colorado. Daughters, Susan and Joan, live in Grand Forks, North Dakota, while son, Thomas, lives in Boise, Idaho. Wesley served in the United States Navy, saw duty in the Pacific as a Second Class Petty Officer - Radioman. Wesley and Marilyn have two daughters, a son, and three grandchildren.

FREDERICK DEAN (b. 11-7-1931) / Vivian Bailey (b. 10-2-1928)  
Dean entered the United States Army from Grand Forks in January, 1948. After service that included tours in Korea, Japan, Germany and Vietnam, he retired in the grade of Major in January, 1968. He now works as a systems analyst for a large regional accounting firm. His wife, Vivian, is pursuing a career in accounting for the petroleum industry and is currently associated with a larger independent producer with home offices in Fort Worth, where they live.

Dean and Vivian have a son, Donald Mark (b. 6-18-1959), who is in his third year at the United States Military Academy, West Point, and in the class of 1981 scheduled for graduation on May 27, 1981. His intention is to pursue a career in the United States Army. Their daughter, Patricia, received her undergraduate degree from Stephen F. Austin University at Nacagdoches, Texas, in December, 1978. She is 22 years old, born 8-24-1957. At this time she is in graduate school at the University of Texas at Arlington and expects to receive her Master's Degree in the spring of 1981 and continue there in the doctoral program in psychology.

ALEA GWENDOLYN (b. 10-6-1934) / Philip Michael Norman divorced.  
James Michael Norman (b. 7-5-1957)  
Kelly Vincent Norman (b. 9-2-1959)  
David John Norman (b. 9-1-1960)  
Julia Ann Norman (b. 9-12-1961)  
Patrick Thomas Norman (b. 2-12-1963)

Alea, the only daughter, has had a busy life. She is a graduate of the University of North Dakota, was employed by the Police Department, Juvenile section, at one time and various other jobs. Later, she went back to school to receive another degree in secondary education. Presently, and for the past five years she has been Assistant Convention Director at the Fargo Holiday Inn and thoroughly enjoys this work.

Family of Gilbert Sando / Elsie Lindblad - continued

ALEA (continued). She and her husband had five children before they divorced, ages 10, 9, 8, 7 and 5, and she became the breadwinner with total responsibility for bringing them up. She is justly proud of their accomplishments. I quote from a Fargo newspaper on Alea written probably early in 1978:

"Jim, the oldest, is now 20 and a junior at Moorhead State University. He is majoring in music and theater, and also works part time. The other three boys are all students at Fargo South High. Kelly, 18, is a senior, plays football, participates in track, sings in the choir and plays bass in the orchestra. In addition, he's the villain in an upcoming theater production at the school, works part time and plans to enroll at UND in the fall.

"David, 17, is a junior and a member of the Bruin basketball and tennis teams. He also sings in both the pops and concert choirs, and plays bass in the band. He too has a part time job. Pat is 14 and as a freshman is playing basketball and will go out for track in the spring. He is a drummer, and plays with both the school band and jazz ensemble.

"Julie, the only girl, is 16 and a student at Woodrow Wilson School in Fargo where she participates in the program for the trainable handicapped students. At home Julie loves music, records, and dancing. She is doing paint-by-number oil painting and helps per mother by putting dinner in the oven when she gets home from school. "I'm really proud of my family," said Alea. "They respect each other, and are really all good friends. I've been very fortunate that they are all really good kids."

Alea and her family live in Fargo, North Dakota.

FAMILY OF HALVOR SANDO / SECELIA AMDAISRUD

HELEN SOPHIE (Johnson) (b. 3-19-1898; d. 7-22-1977). Of Helen's character, we can say that early in life she showed the ability to be an achiever. Healthy, blonde and blue-eyed, she was outgoing and energetic. Enthused about farm life, she was happiest when out where her half-brothers were planting, haying, harvesting. An early snapshot shows her with her arms around a sheaf of wheat. In her teens a neighbor, who became a lifelong friend, taught her to play the organ. Many Sunday evenings the parlor was filled with young people, playing and singing. Some were self-taught and played accordion and violin.

Another interest of Helen's was photography. One nostalgic picture shows her three younger brothers perched on a fence rail, barefoot and wearing straw hats. She left many slides and albums filled with snapshots of her many travels and activities with relatives and friends.

High school was five miles away and it was decided that she spend a school year with her Aunt Julia and Uncle Gilbert Paulsen of White Rock, South Dakota, and attend a Normal school with her cousin, Alma, her own age. This she did and soon after she went to Grand Forks, 75 miles away and entered Business College. Her first job was with the Grand Forks American and then to Mahowalds, a large hardware store serving a wide area of the Red River Valley. She became their bookkeeper and remained there for many years, maintaining a close friendship with the entire Mahowald family.

Her marriage to Elmer Johnson, a railroad clerk, lasted 13 years, but ended in divorce. She then came to Los Angeles and took an examination for the Los Angeles Postoffice, which she passed with a mark of 99. She stayed with the Postoffice until mandatory retirement at age 70, winning several promotions and a letter of praise. She had no children and made travel and photography her big interests. Her travels took her to Norway three times and practically around the world. She also visited all of the National Parks in the United States. Even in her last illness of fifteen weeks, she had reservations for a trip to Egypt, but cancelled out because they could not guarantee a visit to the Sphinx.

Few of us accomplish much of what we desire most in life, but she came close. Her health failed in March, 1977, and her doctor ordered hospitalization for severe anemia and a peptic ulcer. After five weeks of many tests, she was no better and spent five additional weeks in her apartment with her sister Julia's care. A major stroke occurred June 18, followed by five more weeks in a comatose state in a hospital.

She is buried in Grand Forks, near her two sisters, Hulda and Emma. Helen had requested that a favorite nephew, Dean Sando, of Fort Worth, Texas, accompany her body to Grand Forks and oversee funeral services there. This he did graciously, flying first to Los Angeles. His brother, Howard, and his sister, Alea, met him there. Many friends and relatives were also present.

Family of Halvor Sando / Secelia Amdalsrud (continued)

HULDA LOUISE (b. 11-16-1899; d. 10-18-1925) was a registered nurse on active duty during the 'flu' epidemic. She suffered an attack of 'flu' complicated by pneumonia and died. She was only 26 years old.

OLGA JULIA (b. 1-14-1902) lived in Minneapolis from 1923-27, when bronchitis and a nervous breakdown caused her to move to California. She met and married Donald H. George (b. 1-21-1900; d. 6-1-1955 of cancer) and they had three children:

Donna Louise George (b. 12-1-1928)

Henry Thorwin George (b. 9-5-1931) called Tom.

Wanda Grace George (b. 10-8-1933; d. 12-11-1972 of cancer).

Donna is married to David Risvold, a cross-country truck driver, and they live in Hemet, California. They have a son, Ward, age 15, who is a good student and very good in sports and music. Donna has two sons by former marriages: Christopher Donald, age 27, in electronics, and Steven Henry, age 22, a retail clerk.

Tom enlisted in the Air Force in 1947 with a good friend. They were sent to Okinawa where they served until discharge in 1951. Tommy earned the rank of Staff Sergeant when only 19 years old. He became a turret technician servicing planes that had been in combat in Korea. He fell from the top of a B-29 and was hospitalized there for some weeks with injury to neck vertebrae. But his back also suffered and finally he underwent back surgery in the army hospital in Hawaii, and has been on disability ever since. Tom's marriage to Margaret Miller ended in divorce. They had two children: Donald Lee, now age 26, and Vickie Lynn, age 23, both of whom are now on their own. Tom lives in Redding as he prefers Northern California. He visits his children whenever possible.

Donna has worked in real estate and is presently attending college, preparing for a broker's license. Julia manages a triplex in Banning, California and enjoys good health at age 77. Her three fine grandsons visit often and give her much pleasure.

After her husband Donald's death in 1955 following cancer, Julia married Clifford Vallon in 1962. He died in 1965. Wanda, who died of cancer in 1972, at age 39, is buried beside her father in Live Oak Cemetery, Monrovia, California.

EMMA BERTINE (b. 9-30-1903; d. 12-25-1927) had completed college and was in her first year of teaching when she suffered from a ruptured appendix and died on Christmas day following surgery complicated by peritonitis. She was only 24 years old. She was buried near her sister, Hulda, in Grand Forks.

GORDON THEODORE (b. 6-11-1905) on the Sando farm near Cavalier, North Dakota. He moved to Los Angeles in 1930 and spent the next thirty-seven years with May Company Stores, furthering his career there with University evening courses. While with May Company he took time out for three years' service in the United States Army in World War II. He married Marjorie Belle Bridge on June 23, 1942, and they continue to live in Los Angeles. They had no children.

After retirement from May Company Gordon joined his wife in developing the Iliffili Nut Company, in Hollywood, well known for the tastiest nuts, catering to the better hotels and department stores in Los Angeles and Beverly Hills. He has been active in the Lutheran church and his hobbies have been writing and theatricals.

OBERT (b. 10-16-1907; d. 4-25-1974) married Florence Starr, and they had one child, Kathy Lou (b. 4-23-1943), who is now married to Arthur Haniotis. They live in Columbus, Ohio.

Obert was regional manager for Hearst Publications, in charge of periodical circulation, and had worked there most of his adult life. After he retired he operated a gourmet and wine shop in Columbus. He died of cancer at age 67 and is buried in Columbus. He was able to visit his relatives in California during his last year.

LAURENCE (b. 10-30-1909) in Cavalier, North Dakota, and has made Burbank, California, his home for many years. He came to Los Angeles from Minneapolis and found work with a real estate office in Pasadena, selling Burbank property. He became deeply interested in the real estate field and studied in evening classes to learn more. Eventually he became a property appraiser and in time became President of Master Appraisers Institute. He taught seminars at many colleges and traveled widely to important conventions. He married Jan Rasinski Donavon June 11, 1949, a widow from Connecticut with an eight-year old son, Terry. Terry has become well known for oil exploration after studying geophysical subjects and oceanography. Terry married a Burbank girl, Sharon, and they have three children: Kathleen, a graduate of the University of Tucson, Arizona; Terry (called TJ), and Michael. Their home is in Flagstaff, Arizona.

At this writing Laurence, or Larry as he is called, maintains an office in the Sando Building which he owns, but Parkinson's Disease has made it difficult for him to continue and he plans to retire soon at age 70.

ALMA GRACE (b. 10-20-1911; d. 9-25-1976) married George Edward Kinnison (b. 7-28-1905; d. 9-11-1975). They had two children:

George Frederick Kinnison (b. 4-23-1935)  
Rodney Michael Kinnison (b. 1-13-1939)

Alma worked for several years for Van DeKamp bakeries and George was employed with Weber Aircraft. Their last residence was in Burbank, California. Alma suffered from a serious accident some years ago and her death was due to a massive cerebral hemorrhage while shopping. She passed away the same evening, almost a year following her husband's death. Both Alma and George are buried at Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills. She was active in her church and sang in the choir. Their two sons are in California.

HAROLD LLOYD (b. 11-5-1914; d. 4-16-1979). He was born in Cavalier, North Dakota. After graduation with honors from Hollywood High School in Los Angeles, California, he was employed by Merchants and Farmers Bank until his induction in the U. S. Air Force, where he served from 1942 to 1946. He then went into hotel sales and management in the Los Angeles area, employed for a time with the Beverly Hilton and others. In the 1960's he moved to Portland, Oregon, and in 1968 became manager and director of Calaroga Terrace, a luxury retirement home in Portland, a position he held for ten years. Lloyd was married for about seven years but this ended in divorce several years ago.

Suddenly, on Easter Sunday, 1979, Lloyd passed away while sitting in his favorite chair and watching TV. I learned of his passing by a telephone call from his associates. My daughter, Donna, and I hastily flew to Portland to make the necessary arrangements. His funeral was held at Little Church of the Flowers in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Glendale, and he was buried beside his mother in accordance with his wishes. I had been so close to Lloyd and managed a small apartment house in Banning, California, for him. His death was such a shock to me although I was aware he had a heart condition and arteriosclerosis. He was 64 years old only -- his death certificate showed his date of death as April 16, 1979. I chose "Place of Quiet Rest" and "How Great Thou Art" for the soloist to sing at the service.

FAMILY OF NELS SANDO / CHRISTINE JENSEN

LAWRENCE N. (born 8-7-1890; d. 1-15-1971)/ Elida

Please see the article written at his death on a page following. "He was the oldest active businessman in Montevideo, on the job continuously from the founding of Sando Implement Co. in 1914 up until a few days before his death. His survivors are also listed therein. See 2la.

MARTIN C. (b. 9-9-1891; d. 11-6-1975) - lived in Preecville, Saskatchewan.

GEOLINE (b. 6-8-1894; d. 2-2-1977)/ Ben Meberg survives.  
For many years residents of Preecville, Saskatchewan.

CARL (b. 4-28-1896; living in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Married Lillian Monsebraaten who died about April, 1973. He later remarried.\* He is in good health and has kept his good sense of humor. He said in a recent letter, "Yes, we are getting up there. But when a person can eat good, sleep good, and hop around like a cat on a hot tin roof, he should not complain. We are well and happy and go a lot, so time flies. We like our home and have lots of friends in the condominium."

ADOLPH (b. 1-19-1898; d. 11-10-1970)/ Esther Anderson

They lived in Lemon Grove, California. Adolph died in a San Diego hospital and was buried in San Diego. He and Esther had 9 children:

Ethel Sando Bjerke, Grafton, North Dakota  
Lillian Sando / Reve Collette, Lemon Grove  
Lorraine Sando / Vernon Bernard, San Diego  
Alice Sando / Clifford Puppy, Neche, North Dakota  
Dolores Sando / Everett Dibble, Grafton, North Dakota  
Dorothy Sando / Lyle Williamson, Glasston, N. Dakota  
Avis Sando / Loyd Swaim, Garland, Texas  
Bert Sando, Grafton, North Dakota  
Audin Sando, Aberdeen, Washington

ESTHER (b. 12-25-1899; lives in Grand Forks, North Dakota.)

She married Enoch Ottum, from a well-known St. Thomas family, who died in 1978 after years of invalidism. Esther's chief interests are her children and grandchildren and her work in the Lutheran Church. Enoch's sister, Nellie Ottum Braenelly, visited Enoch shortly before he died and on returning to California suffered a stroke and she is in a rest home in Whittier, California, where a niece and nephew do all possible for her.

All of Esther's family are listed below:

\*Carl Sando's present wife's maiden name was Mabel Svendsen, granddaughter of Gro Svendsen. They were married July 26, 1975.

Family of Nels Sando / Christine Jensen (continued)

ESTHER / Enoch Ottum  
Eunice Ottum (b. 3-31-18) / Vern Hill (b. 12-17-15)  
Sharon Hill (b. 11-28-39) / Donald Jelinek (b. 8-13-33)  
Cheryl Lynn Jelinek (b. 3-12-61)  
Randall Lee Jelinek (b. 2-7-63)  
Ronald Vern Jelinek (b. 5-21-64)  
Steven Hill (b. 2-15-47) / Barbara Chaney  
Russell Ottum (b. 4-17-21; d. 9-27-71) / Verna Palm  
Rodell Justin Ottum (b. 10-2-57)  
Rolle Verdeen Ottum (b. 12-28-61)  
Donald J. Ottum (b. 4-29-24)  
Sheila Rae Ottum (b. 8-16-43) / Joe E. Lewis  
Jeffrey E. Lewis (b. 12-27-63)  
Shannon Michael Lewis (b. 12-4-65)  
Kelly Ann Lewis (b. 2-25-69)  
Scott Michael Ottum (b. 7-18-52)  
Wesley Eugene Ottum (b. 7-19-34; d. 5-16-35)

CLARA (b. 12-26-1901), married Dave Meberg, who died several years ago. Clara had a severe stroke in 1978 and after hospitalization is able to remain in her own home with many friends and relatives to help her. She served many years with the Lutheran Church and Sons of Norway. Her family is listed:

Lorraine Meberg (b. 6-21-23) / Willson  
Sandra Willson (b. 4-18-45) / Buntley  
Daryl Dean Buntley (b. 5-6-67)  
Danny James Buntley (b. 1-19-70)  
James Dale Willson (b. 6-24-47)  
Vivian Meberg (b. 11-21-24) / Gese  
Robert Wayne Gese (b. 6-5-47)  
John Douglas Gese (b. 12-31-49)  
David Allen Gese (b. 10-10-53)  
James Paul Gese (b. 7-16-59)  
Thomas Anthony Gese (b. 1-27-61)  
Daniel Gese (b. 10-23-63)  
Mary Ann Gese (b. 10-6-70)

MYRTLE (b. 3-23-1905), was married in North Dakota to Ingvold Monsebraaten and three children were born to them:

Glenn - resides in San Diego, is a Navy veteran, active in Legion affairs, and is a postal employee. He has two daughters, married and living in San Diego.

Marian, married to Jack Zarnov, a men's clothing distributor. They have one son, Gary, who is married and teaches in Los Angeles, has an infant daughter.

Darlyn (b. 10-25-34) was married to David Tolman and was a talented and capable secretary. They had no children. She died of cancer December 11, 1976.

Family of Nels Sando / Christine Jensen (continued)

MYRTLE (continued) - Her marriage ended and she married Paul Severin and has lived in San Diego many years. After Paul died in 1953, she was employed with the leading department store in San Diego for several years.

NETTIE (b. 8-1-1907) / Lynn John Hanson (b. 8-9-03; d. 1974)  
Lynnette Marie Hanson (b. 8-14-42) / Richard Sanderson  
Lisa Lynn Sanderson (b. 9-30-67)  
Cami Marie Sanderson (b. 10-2-70)  
Lois Faye Hanson / John Berdahl  
Robert John Berdahl (b. 1-21-70)  
Lynn Jay Hanson (b. 10-6-48; d. 10-8-48)

Nettie lives in Grafton, North Dakota, with her daughters.

GLADYS (b. 8-13-1909) / Herbie Arnold Holt (b. 11-7-1904)  
Ardella Lavern Holt (b. 10-29-28) / Charles G. Hoenke  
Glenda Lou Hoenke (b. 6-22-50)  
Kevin Charles Hoenke (b. 3-29-53)  
Jodean Ann Hoenke (b. 8-19-54)  
Carol Michel Hoenke (b. 7-19-57)  
Cheryl Renee Hoenke (b. 7-19-57)

NORRIS (b. 10-20-1911) is the youngest of the Nels Sando family. He is a successful business man in Grafton, North Dakota, owning his own service station and oil distributorship. He and his wife maintain a lovely home in Grafton, and have five children, all grown, four of whom are in the teaching profession.

Nels Sando and his wife, Christine, were examples of the finest early pioneers. They farmed for many years near St. Thomas and later retired to live in Grafton. They were faithful and active members of the Lutheran Church, and their lives of high standards are reflected in their sons and daughters.

Nels Sando died October 23, 1947. His wife, Christine, died the next year after a long illness at age 75.

# L. N. Sando Was Oldest Businessman

Lawrence N. Sando, 80, died Friday at Chippewa County Montevideo hospital.



He was the oldest active businessman in Montevideo, on the job continuously from the founding of Sando Implement Co. in 1914 up until a few days before his death. He had received a plaque in 1965 honoring him for 50 years of continuous service in the implement business.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church with the Rev. James Sjolie officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were Fred Mischke, Frank Austin, Newman Myhre, Charles Nelson, Leo Gallery and Henning Swanson. Active pallbearers were Ronald Schultz, Floyd Schultz, Odin Sorgaard, Donald Haugland, Alvin Ost and Sivert Borsgard.

Mrs. Harry Gustafson was the organist and Mrs. Theo. Arneson ~~list~~. Interment was at Ter ~~Memory Gar-~~

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FAMILY OF BERGIT (BETSEY) SANDO / OLE DALBY

GENA (b. 8-8-1884; d. 1977 after stroke) / Severt Braaten  
Mildred Braaten / Frank Wood  
    Jack L. Wood  
    Francis Wood / Adeline  
    Gary Wood  
    Terry Wood  
Violet Braaten / Max Robeson  
George S. Braaten  
Gladys Braaten / Hjalmer Anderson  
    Ronald Anderson / Lana Rae  
    Herman Anderson  
    Michael Anderson  
Helen Braaten / Albert Youngberg  
    Denis Youngberg /  
        Bret Youngberg  
        Paul Youngberg  
        Susan Youngberg  
        Elmer Youngberg /  
            Lori Youngberg  
            Valerie Youngberg  
        Helen Youngberg / Roy Junkey  
        Sharon Junkey  
        Carol Junkey  
        Rae Ann Junkey  
        Douglas Junkey  
        Donald Junkey  
Arnold Braaten /  
    Beverly Braaten  
    Diane Braaten  
    Joan Braaten  
    Linda Lou Braaten  
Cecil Braaten /  
    Sharon Braaten  
    Bradley Braaten  
    Donda Braaten  
    Wayne Braaten

BERNARD (b. 10-31-1886 / Gertrude Stenvich  
    Bernard A. Dalby / Ruth  
    Kermot Dalby / Joan  
    Dennis Dalby

CLARA (b. 9-16-1888; / Olaf Erpestad d.  
    Dorothy Erpestad (b. 11-28-1919) / Robert V. Blackmore  
        Robert William Blackmore (b. 3-8-1945)  
        David Blackmore (b. 12-2-1946)  
        John Blackmore (b. 4-9-1953)  
    Ruth Marjorie Erpestad (b. 11-4-1917; d.

OLIVER (b. 10-25-1890; d. 3-12-1958)

Family of Bergit (Betsey) Sando / Ole Dalby (continued)

BERT (b. 3-7-1893; / Alvid Freng  
Juel Dalby / Margaret Halvorson  
David Dalby  
Judy Dalby  
Violet Dalby / Arthur Williams  
Larry Williams  
Wayne Williams  
Betty Vi Williams  
Goline Dalby / David Kvill  
Arlene Kvill  
Darlene Kvill  
Jeanne Kvill  
Kenny Kvill  
Bernard A. Dalby /  
Louis Dalby  
Darrell Dalby  
Charles O. Dalby / Elizabeth Espenko  
Isabelle Dalby / James Fwerdel  
Laurin Fwerdel  
James Fwerdel  
Dianne Fwerdel  
Craig Fwerdel  
Ruth A. Dalby / Alex Sauers  
Dale A. Dalby / Shirley Smart  
Christine Dalby  
Trudy Dalby  
Kathy Dalby  
Bertimus Dalby  
Teresa Dalby  
Laraine Dalby

ALFRED (b. 4-25-1894; d. 9-5-1958) / Rubelle Everett  
Mary Jacqueline Dalby / Joel Strangis  
Joel Strangis  
Jay Strangis  
Mary Beth Strangis  
Michelle Strangis  
Alfred (Bud) Dalby / Aileen Wheeler  
Shelly Dalby  
Roxanne Dalby  
John A. Dalby

MABEL (b. 5-31-1899; d. 3-27-1949)

VIOLET E. (b. 1-18-1904; d. 9-7-79) / Ernest A. Brewer d. 9-19-76  
Betty Vi Brewer (b. 11-18-1927) / Kenneth A. Ryan

Rebecca Ryan  
Robert B. Ryan  
Richard K. Ryan

Sharon Elaine Brewer (b. 2-26-1939) / Richard Hargrove  
Sandra Elaine Hargrove (b. 7-28-1965)

DOROTHY L. (b. 6-26-1908) / John E. Pullin (b. 12-5-11; d. 6-22-75)

Family of Bergit (Betsey) Sando / Ole Dalby (continued)

After the deaths of their husbands, Violet and Dorothy wintered in Mesa, Arizona, and spent summers in Minnesota. In the spring of 1977 they took a bus trip to Los Angeles to visit my sister, Helen Johnson. We were able to have a family reunion with Gordon and Marjorie Sando, Laurence and Jan Sando, Harry and Lillian Imlach (our niece), and Helen and I. We enjoyed a Sunday brunch after meeting at Larry's home in Burbank. I had hoped to visit them in their home in Mesa, Arizona, but was unable to do it. In July, 1977, my sister Helen passed away. And during 1978 Violet became ill with cancer. Vi and Dorothy returned to Minnesota in late summer and Vi spent her last weeks there. Dorothy plans to return to Mesa for a short time this winter to pack her things. It will be lonely for her now.

FAMILY OF JULIA (GRO) SANDO / GUNOR (GILBERT) PAULSON

LILLY JOSEPHINE (b. 9-30-1893; d. 1974)

ALMA GURINA (b. 1/28/1896; d. August 1979) / Bill Comegys, Alma was widowed in 1974. She sold her home and moved to a nice mobile home in Portland, but she died of cancer in August of 1979. Her brother, Walter, also died in the summer of 1979. They are both buried in Portland. A nephew, Fred Anderson, who lives in Eugene, made the funeral arrangements. Neither Alma or Walter had any children.

PAULINE (b. 11-9-1899; d. 2-28-1932) / Fritz Anderson  
Arnold Anderson  
Alvin Anderson

EMMA (b. 4-30-1903; d. 10-16-1938)

JOHN LAURENCE (b. 7-5-1904; lives in Portland.

GILLY (b. 1-10-1906; d. 12-20-1917)

WALTER JULIAN (b. 4-18-1909; d. summer 1979) / Mary Hunt

CLARICE ADELINE (b. 1-17-1913; lives in Portland/ John Button  
Barbara Button  
Bonnie Button

(Written from Norway)

To Julia:

The enclosed is a xerox section of a road map of the southern part of Norway showing the Hallingdal Valley and the town of Sando, which is located on Highway #7 and on the main railroad line from Bergen to Oslo. It is a stop-upon-request for the Oslo-Bergen Express. The town of Aal is the main stop. The town of Torpo has a stave church from the year 1200-1300 which is still in use. It has a graveyard where father's ancestors are buried. The town of Aal is about 100 miles northwest of Oslo. I stopped there one night during my 1968 trip and visited the old Sando farm, which is occupied by a Sando family who are not blood relatives, but in-laws from some years back.

/s/ Laurence Sando

Note: This brief letter written from Norway, relates that there is a town in Hallingdal bearing the Sando name. Both Laurence and Helen Johnson visited the birthplaces of our parents in Norway several times and were deeply impressed, and full of praise for the country and the people.

Note: The above letter may interest many young relatives who will want to visit historical Hallingdal, the home of their great grandparents.

# Norge



Dobbeltblad 1 — 2: Sør-Norge

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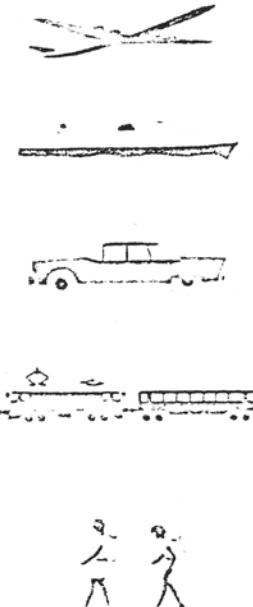
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- Flere navn og opplysninger enn på noen andre norske kart.
- Tegnforklaring på omslagets innside.

POSTSCRIPT:

I send this tribute to descendants of Guri and Lars Sando as my own small way of honoring them. Many of us with the name of Sando have never met. Perhaps we will feel a tie by reading this narrative. To cover more than 100 years from 1865 to 1980 adequately is not possible. There are discrepancies, depending on source. Nels Sando speaks of their first homes in Dakota as sod houses, which later had wooden interiors. I thought my father spoke of logs and timber which became available in Grafton. Probably both are right.

To all the young folks of the third and fourth generations and those yet to be: You may ask, "Did this really happen? Did our ancestors really live through such hardships?" Yes, it is true! Their goal was to make life safer, grander, better for all who would follow, long after they had folded their hands in well deserved rest.

Best wishes for many golden days ahead to all who read this bit of history, from a granddaughter of Guri and Lars Sando,

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December 7, 1979